

EOD Warrior Foundation, Ken visited many fellow EOD veterans at Veterans Administration facilities and was dismayed at how many of them were continuing to struggle with the PTS that their medications had not cured.

As a result, Ken and Julia began a program called Warrior PATHH, or “progressive and alternative training for healing heroes.” The 18-month program that starts with a weeklong boot camp at the Boulder Crest Retreat, where days begin at 7 am with physical conditioning and end at 8:30 pm with discussion around a campfire led by other combat veterans, has allowed the 120 vets accepted for PATHH to explore their past, make greater sense of their struggles, and develop a realization that their preparedness and leadership skills can be carried from the battlefield to the home front. As an indication of the program’s success, over the past three years, 95 percent of combat vets who have participated in the program continue to participate in monthly video chats that help the Falkes keep track of their emotional health and keep them setting and accomplishing goals.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to ask you and our colleagues to join me in thanking two great patriots, Ken and Julia Falke, for the extraordinary difference they are making in the lives of our nation’s combat veterans, ensuring that they have the opportunity to succeed in their new mission—a life of passion, purpose and service, here at home.

RECOGNIZING PRIVATE FIRST  
CLASS JOSEPH PALAZZOLO

**HON. PAUL MITCHELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vietnam veteran, Private First Class Joseph Palazzolo of Imlay City, Michigan. I recently had the honor of presenting Mr. Palazzolo with his long overdue Bronze Star with Valor Device for his heroic actions 52 years ago. On November 16, 1966, while serving near Pleiku in Vietnam, Joe’s unit came under heavy enemy fire. Joe dropped his pack and set a line of fire to protect others when he was shot in the shoulder. Even after being wounded himself, Joe refused to be evacuated, and instead stayed inside the line of fire to help others. By the end of the fire-fight, Joe carried a half-dozen wounded soldiers to safety. His selflessness and bravery were evident in his actions that day. Mr. Palazzolo’s devotion to his fellow soldiers and his duty reflects distinction upon him, the 25th Infantry Division and the United States Army. It was an honor to meet Private First Class Palazzolo to present him with a Bronze Star, and I wish him the best of luck in the future.

RECOGNIZING RED ARNDT FOR  
HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE AND  
COMMITMENT

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Red Arndt for his many years of

service to the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, as well as his lifetime commitment to bringing safe and reliable water to the rural corners of this country.

Born Lennis Arndt on May 1, 1948, he earned the nickname, Red, while in grade school from his full head of red hair. The name stuck and most people only know him today as Red Arndt.

Red grew up in Springfield, Minnesota, about 90 minutes from his current hometown, Luverne where he first started working in 1989 as their public utilities director. Shortly after beginning his new position, Red heard about a proposal to bring water from the Missouri River in South Dakota to the surrounding states. A major undertaking with more people doubting the idea than supporting, Red saw the opportunity and potential, recommending to the mayor and city council that Luverne join and become one of the first members of the corporation that would later become the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System.

Seeing Lewis & Clark develop from conception to construction was a labor of love for Red, and a mission he fought hard to achieve. Red, one of only two original directors from 1990 still on the board, held a shovel when the ground was first broke in 2003. He has probably made over 60 trips to Washington, DC and many more to the state capitals and attended countless county, city and community meetings.

Fighting to get Lewis & Clark off the ground was just a starting point for Red. He has worked tirelessly on behalf of the project, serving as the vice-chairman of the board beginning in 1994 until becoming the board chairman in 2006, a position he still holds. Lewis & Clark has experienced ups and downs during those years, yet under Red’s leadership over 200 miles of pipeline have been laid in the ground currently delivering much needed water to 14 member communities and rural water projects, reaching over 300,000 people across South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. He has seen over \$470M in funding to Lewis & Clark, including \$57M in advance funding from the three states.

Red’s indisputable dedication was demonstrated when he participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the water treatment plant in August 2012, a mere two weeks after having open heart surgery. His fellow directors surprised him at the ceremony by presenting him with the Lewis & Clark Trailblazer Award, which is the organization’s highest honor.

In May 2016, Luverne was finally able to celebrate their connection to Lewis & Clark, with Red reveling in taking the first swig of water. It was at this ceremony that the meter building in Luverne was dedicated in Red’s honor. Red will be the first to acknowledge that this endeavor, benefiting generations to come in the tristate area, has been a true team effort. But, there is no question Red’s vision for the future, dogged dedication and strong leadership have been a driving force through the years.

When he is not dedicating his time to Lewis & Clark, Red is a proud father of three boys (all sharing his red hair) and grandfather of three red-headed little girls. His family is his pride-and-joy. You will often find Red wearing a pin honoring his son who served in the United States Air Force.

As a dessert first type of guy, Red lives life to the fullest, enjoying travel, fishing and nu-

merous other outdoor activities in his free time, as well as hanging out in his “man cave”. I am grateful for his commitment to public service, his hard work on behalf of Lewis & Clark, and, more importantly, I am proud to call him a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Red Arndt for his many great contributions and wish him the best as he continues to make the most out of the life God has given.

IN HONOR OF THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF SOLENBERGER HARDWARE

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the 130th anniversary of Solenberger Hardware of Winchester, Virginia. Solenberger Hardware is truly the classic story of American entrepreneurialism, a story of humble beginnings, of overcoming adversity and adapting to new circumstances.

On the occasion of the company’s anniversary celebration, a large, beautiful historical mural about the company has been completed that includes portraits of past company leaders and an illustration of the original store. The mural highlights one biblical expression to summarize those 130 years: “Do to Others What You Would Have Them Do to You.” This high standard of trustworthiness and loyalty, that was developed by each of the company’s leaders, is what has set Solenberger Hardware apart. John S. Solenberger, the founder of the store in 1888, made a significant contribution to this corporate culture when, during the Great Depression, he promised his employees that he would keep them working and on the payroll, and paid in cash. Herbert Solenberger, of the following generation, treated the store’s customers with such integrity that, if he found that the store had short-changed a customer, he would personally seek out the customer to repay him or her. And Herbert’s brother, Hugh, developed a standard of customer service that involved training employees to be experts about the store’s products and services, always approaching their work with the customer’s best interest in mind.

Such extraordinary loyalty and trustworthiness have always been extended to the larger community, as well. The 1960s and 1970s were times of racial unrest in Winchester and John T. Solenberger, Hugh’s son, expressed loyalty to an African-American employee by promoting him to a management position in the company, based on his merits, without being thwarted by any concerns he may have had for how such a decision might affect their business. Additionally, Solenberger Hardware annually hosts fundraising events to benefit the Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter and the Winchester Rescue Mission.

Another tradition contributing to Solenberger Hardware’s resilience has been its passion for change and innovation, starting with John S.’s modifying the very nature of the Solenberger business, to current leaders John, Jr. and Cyndi Solenberger’s move of the store to a place offering greater access to the customer.

The attitude of the Solenberger family has been that adversity generates change and that change is to be welcomed and encouraged.

After 130 years, can the Solenberger legacy be continued? John, Jr. and Cyndi consider themselves stewards of a business that they want to pass on to the next generations, and they are now training and mentoring Seth McManigle and Jaime Solenberger-McManigle as leadership partners of the future. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating the owners and employees of Solenberger Hardware for celebrating 130 years of success and express the hope that, with God's grace, the company will continue its legacy of success as an extraordinary corporate citizen, serving the northern Shenandoah Valley, for many years to come.

GEORGETTE MAGASSY DORN

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Georgette Magassy Dorn, Chief of the Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress.

Georgette Magassy Dorn was born in Hungary and was raised in Spain and Argentina. She immigrated to the United States in 1956. She has a bachelor's degree from Creighton University, a Master's degree from Boston College, and a doctorate degree from Georgetown University, which she completed while working at the Library of Congress. For twenty years, she was visiting lecturer at Georgetown University. She published books and articles on Latin American culture and served as an officer in many professional organizations including the Latin American Studies Association.

Ms. Dorn has been leading the Hispanic Division since 1994 and will be retiring on October 12, 2018 after more than half a century of distinguished service to the Library of Congress. She started working at the Hispanic Division in 1964 as a Latin American Area Specialist and in 1968 became the Curator of the Archive of Hispanic Literature on Tape succeeding Francisco Aguilera. In her role as curator, she recorded over 400 poets and novelists from Latin America, the Iberian Peninsula, the Caribbean, and the United States for the Library's archive. Nobel laureates that Ms. Dorn recorded include Pablo Neruda, Gabriel García Márquez (Colombia), Mario Vargas Llosa (Perú), and Camilo José Cela (Spain). Among U.S. Latino writers are U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera, Ana Castillo, Sabine Ulibarri, and Rudolfo Anaya. The Archive also includes other Nobel Prize winners from the Hispanic world—Gabriela Mistral (Chile), Juan Ramón Jiménez (Spain), Miguel Ángel Asturias (Guatemala), and Octavia Paz (Mexico).

In addition to her work as a curator, Ms. Dorn was also the Head of the Hispanic Reading Room assisting patrons searching for materials. With the support of the Library, she expanded an active internship program for college students and recent graduates to work with the Library's world-class Hispanic collections. Beginning in the early 1990s, Ms. Dorn oversaw the automation of the "Handbook of

Latin American Studies," which is an annual, annotated bibliography in the humanities and social sciences prepared by a dedicated staff in the Hispanic Division with the help of 120 contributing editors from all across the United States. This important research tool has been prepared in the Hispanic Division since 1939 and has been published annually by the University of Texas Press in Austin. Since 1995 the Handbook is available online free of charge.

Ms. Dorn has overseen an ambitious digitization plan, in addition to the "Handbook," in order to share the Library's rich collections. As a result, one of the Division's most visited sites is the Spanish-American War of 1898.

Her other important contributions include developing the Hispanic collections in all formats and securing valuable historical items from donors for the Library. In recent years, she succeeded in acquiring visual materials by Latino artists for the Library's Prints and Photographs Division.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Georgette Magassy Dorn for her distinguished service and extensive contributions to the Library of Congress.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE MCCANN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Steve McCann. Mr. McCann was inducted into the Creston High School Hall of Fame as Distinguished Alumni and Contributor on Thursday, September 20, 2018.

Steve graduated from Creston High School in 1967 after participating in basketball, track and chorus. Steve was also active with plays and participated in the school's first musical production, *Bye Bye Birdie*. He was named CHS Thespian of the Year in both 1966 and 1967. After attending Creighton University, Steve returned to Creston to live and work. In addition to farming, and owning and operating Family Shoe Store, Steve has been an active sports official since 1971. He was inducted into the IHSAA Athletic Officials Hall of Fame in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Steve McCann for this award, and for providing the youth in Iowa's Third District the support that they will need to be successful. I am proud to represent him and Creston Community Schools in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Steve and wishing him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY, DOUBLE TEN DAY

**HON. STEVE CHABOT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the upcoming Double Ten Day,

the national day of the Republic of China, or as many of us like to call it, Taiwan, which is celebrated every October 10th. I would like to extend to the people of Taiwan and its government my best wishes for continued prosperity and security.

Over many decades, Taiwan and the United States have stood together against numerous challenges, and time and again have displayed a steadfast commitment to one another's mutual security and prosperity. The Taiwanese people deeply appreciate the fundamental truth that people everywhere long to be free, and that representative government is essential to realizing this dream and the true prosperity, peace, and stability it brings. They've done the hard work of transitioning to democracy, with all the sacrifice and compromise that entails. This story shines as a beacon of hope to people all over Asia that democracy is not only possible but preferable.

In March, President Trump signed the Taiwan Travel Act. This legislation, which I introduced in 2017, will further strengthen and enhance our bilateral strategic partnership with Taiwan. It is generally accepted that high level official communication is an essential part of any alliance. I strongly urge the Trump Administration to follow through on the act soon. Our partnership with Taiwan will only be strengthened through such implementation.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I reiterate my support and admiration for the people of Taiwan and their vibrant democracy, and offer my best wishes to them for a very happy Double Ten Day celebration.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MARTIN NELIS

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a longtime Pleasant Hill resident, Mr. Martin Nelis.

Martin was born in Northern Ireland, and graduated with a degree in engineering from Queen's University, Belfast. He immigrated to the United States in 1989, and worked in the information technology field before working as a Congressional aide.

During his free time, Martin was a soccer player, coach, and cyclist. He was also an avid outdoorsman and often went hiking in the Redwood forests. Martin enjoyed an active lifestyle and was always willing to take up a cause.

In 2007, he began serving as a Public Information Officer for the City of Pleasant Hill, and was pivotal in supporting community development efforts. He assisted with coordinating the summer concert series and the local farmer's market. Martin also led efforts to raise funds for a new public library. He continued to play an active role in his community until his unexpected passing on August 2, 2018.

Martin was preceded in death by his father Billy, and his brother Peter. He is survived by his seven siblings, Donncha, Liam, John, Patrick, Cathy, Declan and Frank, his 3 children whom he adored, Aidan, Fiona and Deirdre. Martin will be remembered for his service to the community, his sarcastic wit, and those who had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be sincerely missed.